

Appl. No. 10/710,492
Amdt. dated 08/31/2006
Reply to Office action of 06/09/2006

REMARKS

Claims 27, 28 and 38 are objected to because of informalities.

Claims 1-32 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by French et al. 6,494,269.

Claims 1-26 and 29-31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Johnston et al. 6,079,497.

Claims 33 through 42 are allowed.

Claim 38 is amended to correct the informalities.

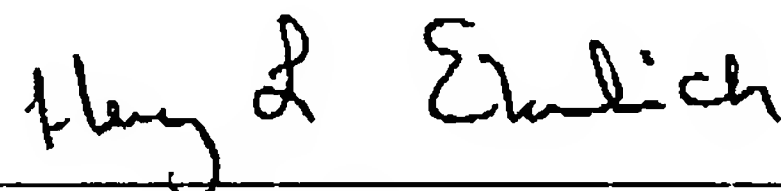
Applicant respectfully submits that the cited documents fail to anticipate claims 1-32. However, Applicant respectfully cancels claims 1-32 to expedite the issuance of claims 33 to 42. Applicant reserves the right to file a continuation application for claims 1 through 32 and any further unclaimed inventions.

Applicant respectfully requests that the objection and rejections be withdrawn and a Notice of Allowance be mailed.

Respectfully submitted,
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